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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN MARKET FOR U.S. WEST COAST LUMBER AND PLYWOOD

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1. LOCAL MOROCCAN TIMBER PRODUCTION CONSISTS OF:

- A. EUCALYPTUS: UTILIZED FOR WOOD PULP PRODUCTION, POLES FOR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, FUEL, ETC.
- B. CEDAR: UTILIZED IN LOW-COST FURNITURE INDUSTRY.
- C. CORK OAK: UTILIZED MAINLY FOR PRODUCTION OF CHARCOAL.

2. MOROCCO'S IMPORT NEEDS ARE CURRENTLY SUPPLIED BY WESTERN EUROPE, SCANDINAVIA, AND EASTERN EUROPE FOR SOFT WOOD; AND WEST AFRICA (MAINLY IVORY COAST) FOR HARDWOOD.

3. MOROCCAN MARKET INTERESTING BECAUSE IT IS GROWING. IMPORTS ROSE FROM \$22.5 MILLION IN 1972 TO \$32.5 MILLION IN 1973, AN INCREASE OF 44 0/0. LEADING IMPORTERS INTERVIEWED EXPRESSED OPINION MARKET SHOULD INCREASE BY A STEADY 10 0/0 PER YEAR FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. MOROCCO IS NET EXPORTER OF PLY-WOOD AND VENEER. US SUPPLIERS SHOULD THEREFORE CONCENTRATE ON LUMBER SALES.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT MAY BE PREMATURE TO CONSIDER TRADE MISSION. DETAILED TABLES SHOWING IMPORTS BY TYPE, QUANTITY, VALUE, AND SOURCE BEING AIRPOUCHED. SUGGEST THAT US SOURCE

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UNIT PRICES BE COMPARED TO THOSE SHOWN FOR EACH QUALITY AND

FROM EACH ORIGIN. IF US EXPORTERS ESTABLISH THAT THEY CAN
COMPETE WITH TRADITIONAL SUPPLIERS, NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO
GET IN TOUCH WITH THE LEADING MOROCCAN IMPORTERS (LIST ATTACHED
TO AIRGRAM CONTAINING TABLES) TO ESTABLISH AGENTS/DISTRIBUTORS.

6. ALL SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS UTILIZING LARGE QUANTITIES OF
TIMBER HAVE BEEN REPORTED. NEUMANN

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